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Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/115 of 20 December 1995, 51/184 of 16 December 1996, 52/199 of 18 December 1997 and 54/222 of 22 December 1999, its decision 55/443 of 20 December 2000 and other relevant resolutions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind,

Noting that most States and one regional economic integration organization have ratified or acceded to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,[1]

Noting also that, to date, the Kyoto Protocol to the Convention[2] has so far attracted 43 ratifications, and encouraging necessary action to facilitate the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol at the earliest possible date, before the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002,

Noting further its adoption of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3] in which Heads of State and Government resolved to make every effort to ensure the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol, preferably by the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in 2002, and to embark on the required reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

[2] FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1, decision 1/CP.3.

[3] A/RES/55/2, para. 23.

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Expressing its deep appreciation to the Government of Morocco for hosting the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in Marrakech from 29 October to 9 November 2001,

Taking note of the adoption of the Bonn Agreements[4] on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action[5] at the second part of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, convened in Bonn from 16 to 27 July 2001,

Taking note also of the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its sixth session to approve the continuation of the current institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations and related administrative arrangements for a further five-year period, to be reviewed by both the General Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention by not later than 31 December 2006,

Taking note further of the report of the Secretary-General on the continuation of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations,

Taking note of the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention whereby the General Assembly is invited to decide at its fifty-sixth session on the issue of meeting the conference-servicing expenses of the Convention from its regular budget, taking into account the views expressed by Member States,

Noting also that, by paragraph (c) of its decision 55/443, it decided to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2002-2003 the sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for the biennium, in accordance with the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention,[6] which was prepared in response to the invitation of the General Assembly in paragraph (d) of its decision 55/443,

1. *Urges* Member States to ratify or to accede to the Kyoto Protocol[2] to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[1] to ensure its entry into force, preferably by the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, in 2002;

2. *Calls* upon all States parties to continue to take effective steps to implement their commitments under the Convention, in accordance with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities;

3. *Takes note* of the Marrakech Accords adopted at the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, complementing the Bonn Agreements[4] on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,[5] paving the way for the timely entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol;

4. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the secretariats of the multilateral conventions, within the mandate given by their respective conferences of parties, to promote sustainable development by strengthening complementarities and improving the scientific assessment of ecological linkages between the United

[4] FCCC/CP/2001/5, decision 5/CP.6.

[5] FCCC/CP/1998/16/Add.1, decision 1/CP.4.

[6] See A/56/509.

Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity[7] and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;[8]

5. *Approves* the continuation of the institutional linkage of the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to the United Nations, and related administrative arrangements, for a further five-year period;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the functioning of that institutional linkage not later than 31 December 2006, in consultation with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both parties, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

7. *Invites* the conferences of the parties to the multilateral conventions, when setting the dates of their meetings, to take into consideration the schedule of meetings of the General Assembly and the Commission on Sustainable Development so as to ensure the adequate representation of developing countries at those meetings;

8. *Also invites* the Executive Secretary of the Convention to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session the sub-item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind".

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[7] See United Nations Environment Programme, *Convention on Biological Diversity* (Environmental Law and Institution Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

[8] A/49/84/Add.2, annex, appendix II.